

Old Harrison House,
Point No Point,
Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Owner: Harrison Family

Date of Erection: About 1774

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Bølge (?)

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Brick, recently plastered.

Existing Records: None known.

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This building stands in the industrial area of Philadelphia near the Delaware River at Frankford. It is a large two story gambrel roof house, now plastered over the original Flemish bond brick work, which shows through in places. It is five bays long, with three dormers on the roof. The door centers on the elevation and has a six panel face, but is sheathed on the inside, with nails showing, but puttied. The sash are nine lights over nine, those upstairs being original with wide muntins. The shutters are largely old and are three panel. The main cornice is fully moulded with modillions. The interior is fairly simple, but good. There is a chair rail in hall and southeast room, and the over mantles are paneled. The stair ascends at the right of the hall, turns and returns. It is open string, with plain scroll brackets and a paneled spandrel. The balusters are turned with a short baluster turning under a square block and an alternated baluster turning. The doors are six panel, with bead and bevel panels, though in this case the bevel is substantially flat, and there is a small quarter round bead to raise the field of the panel. There is a modern kitchen addition to the southwest.

The house seems to have little history, but it is interesting to note that the Hunter Family have continuously rented it from the owners for 92 years.

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